

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area
proudly celebrating Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary!

September 2012

Special Events Traditional Arts Workshops are by registration only and must be pre-paid. Call (423) 543-5808 for more information.

Sycamore Shoals Fife & Drum Corps Saturdays at 11:00 am

The Fife & Drum Corps performs at historical events, dedications, and parades. This group is open to anyone ages 13 & up. Musical experience is welcome but not necessary; just come with a willingness to learn. Meet our volunteer coordinator John Large at the Sycamore Shoals Visitors Center. Lessons are free of charge, just call and let us know you're coming!

Civil War Camp at the Carter Mansion

Friday, August 31 at 10 am - 4 pm; Saturday September 1 at 9 am -4 pm

Step back to the 1860s when East Tennessee was a hotbed of activity during the War Between the States! Visit an encampment at Tennessee's oldest frame house and witness Life as it was 150 years ago. Experience the Roar of the Cannon, the Rattle of Muskets, the Smell of the Cook's Fire, & the Melodies of Camp!

12th Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival Friday - Sunday, September 7, 8, 9

Friday Night Torchlight Ceremony at 6:30 pm; Saturday - Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday Night Concert 6:30 pm

Celebrate Appalachia's Celtic heritage! Opening with a torchlight ceremony Friday Night, Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history; dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening. Admissions Charge. Contact the park for details at (423)543-5808 or visit the Upper East Celtic Society on the web at www.shoalsceltfest.com

The Liberty Spinners Tuesday, September 11 at 9:30 am - 1 pm

This gathering of spinners and fiber artists is open to anyone interested in the art of spinning. Join us at 9:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December).

Step by Step Oil Painting Instructor: Kay Braswell Friday, September 14

9 am – 4 pm Cost: \$50 (includes supplies) Min: 6 Max: 15

Discover oil on canvas through wet-on-wet painting techniques. Beginners are welcome or come to improve the skills you already possess.

“Gathering at Sycamore Shoals” Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 am

On Saturday the 15th of September 2012, The Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate the 232nd "Gathering at Sycamore Shoals". This is a celebration of the Overmountain Men coming together to march to Kings Mountain and defeat Loyalist forces under Col Patrick Ferguson. We will have a Memorial Service and a wreath laying service. The public is invited to attend and to participate in the wreath laying. For more information please contact Ronnie Lail at 423-914-8677 Wataugatnssar@Gmail.com or Dr. Joe Chambers at 423-743-3656 drjoec1@earthlink.net

Shape Note Singing - Led by Don Wiley Sunday, September 16 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sing the shapes! In this early musical tradition, “shapes” represented each note of the do-re-mi scale. Although many Appalachian frontiersmen could not read, they achieved beautiful four-part harmonies through this simplified method of learning music. We invite you to join “The Old Fields Singers” for an experience you will not forget. (3rd Sunday of each Month)

Celebrating Our Stories Thursday, September 20 at 7 pm

When Mr. Richard Gray was a young man, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area was not yet a Tennessee State Park. But it was at this time members of our community came together to make our park a reality. Richard’s father, Thomas Gray was right in the midst of the excitement and hard work associated with such an endeavor. Join Richard for this intriguing talk, as he reminisces about the days prior to the creation of Sycamore Shoals as a State Park. Presented by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Visitor’s Center Theater, this evening will include a full scaled 75th anniversary birthday celebration complete with cake and more!

Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration Saturday, September 22

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday, September 23

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Join us for an encampment by the Overmountain militia before the Battle of King’s Mountain in 1780. Live some of the most crucial days of the American Revolution! Call the park for a schedule of events at (423) 543-5808.

Old Time Music Jam Art Lang Sunday, September 23 at 1:30 pm – 4 pm

Bring an acoustic instrument, your singing voice, or your dancing feet! (no taps please) This afternoon brings together musicians of all levels as they share traditional Appalachian tunes. Old-time musicians of all instruments and skill levels are welcome to play! This group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Overmountain Victory Trail March Tuesday, September 25 2 pm (approx. time)

Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march to King’s Mountain since 1975. On September 25, marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the Overmountain militia crossed 232 years ago.

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Beginners Spinning Instructor: Amy Gawthrop Sunday, September 30 1:30 - 4 pm

Cost: \$40.00 includes fleece (1st time students in this class) \$15.00 for returning students Min: 1 Max: 5

Learning about wool, it's structure and how it reacts. Wool preparation with hand cards, viking combs and drum carder. Practical at the wheel time

For more information or to register for workshops, contact:

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area
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 Elizabethton, TN 37643
(423) 543-5808

Visitors Center Hours:

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Saturday
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Sunday

Our Visitors Center is closed on most State holidays. Park grounds are open from dawn until dusk.

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www.tnstateparks.com/SycamoreShoals/